A Global and National Implementation Plan for Public Health Workforce Development - At A Glance

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A global learning enterprise for public health practitioners:

- Founded in sound science
- Provides access to master teachers
- Facilitated by learner-oriented information technology
- Integrated into existing learning and practice settings

Goal

Frontline public health workers prepared to respond to current and emerging health threats

Guiding Principles

- Builds on existing resources
- Focuses on needs of frontline
- Enhances collaboration and partnerships
- Science-based
- Strengthens competency, certification and credentialing systems

Key Planning Assumptions

- New competencies are required for 21st century practice
- Diverse, multi sector, geographically dispersed workforce
- Essential services defines work of public health
- Increased access to/use of technology

Definitions

Public health workforce:

Perform one or more of the essential public health services regardless of practice setting.

Context-plan addresses CDC/ATSDR role in collaboration with partners in addressing needs of public health workforce

	onitor workforce composition /project needs	Identify competencies/ develop curriculum	Design an integrated learning system	Use incentives to assure competency	Conduct evaluation and research	Assure financial support	Establish coordination and accountability
1A:	Develop action plan to enumerate public health workforce periodically	2A: Establish a national system of Centers for Public Health Preparedness	3A: Build capacity for technology-based learning at Federal, State and local levels	4A: Develop a multiple pathway framework for certification and credentialing in public health	5A: Develop research agenda and methods to address workforce development issues	6A: Secure a funding base for federal, State and local workforce development activities	Establish governance structure for implementation of global/national plan
1B:	Promote consistent use of public health workforce terminology in data collection	2B: Develop and disseminate curriculum models and learning resources based on core public health competencies	3B-Establish standards, guidelines, and governance structure to enhance integrated global/national operations	4B: Develop strategies which promote life long learning behaviors and eliminate obstacles	5B: Integrate evaluation strategies in key workforce activities, (e.g., Public Health Training Network and Centers for Public Health Preparedness)	6B: Implement the CDC/HRSA Memorandum of Understanding on PH Workforce Development	Establish evaluation and system performance monitoring at each level: • Individual learning; • Programmatic; • Public health outcome
1C:	Analyze available data sources for trends and developmental needs	2C: Identify factors which support adoption/use of competency-based curricula in public health agencies	3C: Develop communications and marketing strategy to accelerate use (global & nat'l) of technology-mediated learning in public health	4C: Identify factors which promote linkages between workforce competency and organizational performance	5C: Promote development and evaluation of practice- focused curricula in Schools of Public Health and related academic programs	6C: Link workforce development strategies with implementation of "Public Health Threats and Emergencies Act"	Develop/implement communications and dissemination strategy